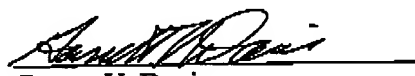


REMARKS

The present amendment cancels the non-elected claims, and adds new claims 45-48, which depend from claims 16 and 26. These claims are added to further define the absorption capacity under load of the resulting water-absorbent resin.

In view of these amendments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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